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In re Patent Application of:
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For: CEREBRAL ORGANIC ANION
TRANSPORTER AND ITS GENE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 17, 2010, Applicant hereby elects for continued examination, the subject matter of **Group I**, directed to **Claims 1 and 2**, drawn to a naturally occurring transporter protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4.

The afore-mentioned election is being made solely to comply with, and be fully responsive to, the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. The right to file one or more divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Early and favorable examination is requested.

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